

# Commander's Call Topics



**Oct. 28, 2011**

*"Today's announcement means that at the end of this year, there will be a clear end to the U.S. combat presence in Iraq. I wanted to take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude and appreciation to our men and women in uniform who have served in Iraq since 2003."* -- Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta, speaking about President Barack Obama's announcement Oct. 20 that all [U.S. forces will be out of Iraq by the end of the year](#)

## ► CURRENT ISSUES

### [Military post offices in Iraq to close Nov. 17](#)

Because U.S. forces are coming home from Iraq by the end of the year, the U.S. Postal Service will stop accepting mail addressed to military post offices in Iraq starting Nov. 17, Defense Department officials said Oct. 26.

### [U.S., Iraq move toward normal military relations](#)

U.S. and Iraqi officials are working toward the kind of standard military-to-military relations that the United States has with many other countries around the world, a Pentagon spokesman said Oct. 24.

### [Executive action creates jobs for veterans](#)

President Barack Obama is using executive action to create new jobs for veterans in support of the American Jobs Act, a senior White House official said Oct. 25 during a conference call.

### [Air Force releases major, captain reduction-in-force board results](#)

Commanders Air Force-wide were notified Oct. 24 of the results of the Calendar Year 2011 Reduction-in-Force Board held at the Air Force Personnel Center here in September.

## ► PERSONNEL ISSUES

### [Officials accepting attaché officer applications](#)

Line of the Air Force active duty officers interested in opportunities to help build and sustain international relationships can apply for attaché duty at locations ranging from Burma to the United Kingdom, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced Oct. 25.

### [Air Force employment focuses on individuals with disabilities](#)

Air Force hiring officials have placed increased emphasis on employing individuals with disabilities within its civilian workforce.

## ► FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

### [Air Force medical leaders gather to discuss future healthcare improvements](#)

The Air Force Medical Service gathered more than 300 senior healthcare leaders at The National Conference Center Oct. 19 here to kick off its annual week-long workshop to discuss the continued transformation of military healthcare and find ways to improve the overall patient experience.

### [AF officials launch Respite Care Program for families](#)

Air Force officials have teamed with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies to launch the Air Force Exceptional Family Member Program Respite Care Program.

## ► TECHNOLOGY

### [39th IOS honored with Cybersecurity Award](#)

Air Force Space Command's 39th Information Operations Squadron members were honored with a 2011 U.S. National Cybersecurity Innovation Award during a ceremony here Oct. 21.

## ► RESOURCES

### ***AF.mil***

<http://www.af.mil>

### ***Airman magazine***

<http://www.airmanonline.af.mil/>

### ***Air Force Community***

<http://www.afcommunity.af.mil/>

### ***Air Force Outreach***

<http://www.afoutreach.af.mil/>

### ***Military OneSource***

<http://www.militaryonesource.com/>

### ***Military HOMEFRONT***

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>

### ***Air Force Personnel Center***

<https://gum.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>

### ***Air Reserve Personnel Center***

<http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/>

### ***Department of Defense***

<http://www.defense.gov>

### ***Department of Defense News***

<http://www.defenselink.mil>

### ***Department of Veterans Affairs***

<http://www.va.gov>

### ***TRICARE***

<http://www.tricare.mil>

### ***U.S. Government Website***

<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

### ***Employment Opportunities***

[www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com)

[www.nafjobs.org](http://www.nafjobs.org)

## ► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

**October 23, 1909** - Wilbur Wright gave Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois his first flying lesson at College Park, Md.

**October 24, 1974** - The Space and Missile Systems Organization proved the ability to launch an intercontinental ballistic missile in the air by dropping a Minuteman I from a c-5A Galaxy. The aircraft dropped the 86,000-pound missile at 20,000 feet over the Pacific Ocean, and the missile descended to 8,000 feet before its rocket engine fired. The 10-second engine burn carried the missile to 20,000 feet again before it dropped into the ocean.

**October 25, 2003** - An Air Force Flight Test Center B-1B set official world records in 50 categories during an Open House at Edwards AFB, Calif. The bomber flew speed dashes over 100-kilometer, 500-kilometer and 1,000-kilometer closed-circuit course, and a 15-kilometer speed dash in eight cargo categories per speed record. Altogether, the B-1 set 45 new FAI world records and broke five previously existing records.

**October 26, 1962** - Strategic Air Command received its last B-52H Stratofortress and last three B-58 Hustlers from the production lines.

**October 27, 1954** - Benjamin O. Davis Jr. became the U.S. Air Force's first African-American general officer.

**October 28, 1995** - The U.S. Air Force tested its air expeditionary force concept by deploying F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 20th Fighter Wing and 347th Wing to Bahrain lasting through Dec. 18 during Operation Vigilant Sentinel.

**October 29, 1968** - Military Airlift Command pararescueman Sergeant Duane D. Hackney received the Cheney Award for gallantry in action in Vietnam.

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